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## CHANGE OF CONTROL TOPS OVERFLOW FIELD FOR UNBRIDLED SIDNEY CAPTIVATING MOON, GRAY'S FABLE TOP WEIGHTS IN OPENING VERSE

**LOUISVILLE, KY (Saturday, April 24, 2021) – Roddy Harrison**'s **Change of Control**, winner of the recent Giant's Causeway at Keeneland, heads an overflow field of 10 fillies and mares plus three also-eligibles entered Saturday for the 11th running of the \$150,000 Unbridled Sidney to be contested at 5 ½ furlongs on the Matt Winn Turf Course next Thursday.

The Unbridled Sidney will share the spotlight on Thurby's 11-race program that begins at 12:45 p.m. (all times Eastern) with the 16th running of the \$130,000 Opening Verse Overnight Stakes for 4-year-olds and up going a mile on the turf. The Unbridled Sidney will go as the 10th race with a 5:45 p.m. post time.

Third to Unbridled Sidney also-eligible Ambassador Luna in last year's off-the-turf race, Change of Control gave trainer **Michelle Lovel**l her 500th career victory in winning the Giant's Causeway. **Colby Hernandez** will be aboard Thursday and break from post two.

Back to challenge Change of Control are the second- and third-place finishers in the Giant's Causeway: Into Mystic and Jakarta.

**Chris Coleman** and **Brad King**'s Into Mystic was caught in deep stretch in the Giant's Causeway after breaking from the rail which is where she will begin Thursday. Trained by Brendan Walsh, Into Mystic will be reunited with **Florent Geroux** for Thursday's race.

Three Diamonds Farm's Jakarta finished 4 ½ lengths behind Into Mystic at Keeneland. Luis Saez retains the mount for trainer Mike Maker will exit post six.

The field for the Unbridled Sidney, with riders and weights from the inside, is: Into Mystic (Geroux, 124 pounds), Change of Control (Colby Hernandez, 124), Lady Grace (Tyler Gaffalione, 122), Oleksandra (AUS) (Joel Rosario, 122), Foxxy Belle (Ricardo Santana Jr., 122), Jakarta (Saez, 122), Winning Envelope (Javier Castellano, 122), She'sonthewarpath (Adam Beschizza, 122), Elle Z (Mitchell Murrill, 122) and Yes It's Ginger (Brian Hernandez Jr., 122). Also-eligible: A Bit of Both (Santana Jr., 122), Ambassador Luna (Julien Leparoux, 122) and Fashionable Lady (Drayden Van Dyke, 122).

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**GRADE III WINNERS CAPTIVATING MOON, GRAY'S FABLE HEADLINE OPENING VERSE** – Recent Grade III winners **Captivating Moon** and **Gray's Fable** share the top weight of 123 pounds for a field of nine older runners entered Saturday for the one-mile test over the Matt Winn Turf Course.

The Opening Verse will go as the eighth race with a 4:37 p.m. post time.

**Lothenbach Stables**' homebred Captivating Moon, longshot winner of the Fair Grounds in February, returns to Churchill Downs where he finished second as the favorite in last year's Opening Verse.

Trained by **Chris Block**, Captivating Moon comes into the Opening Verse off a sixth-place finish in the Muniz Memorial Classic (GII) at Fair Grounds on March 20. **Julien Leparoux** has the mount and will break from post eight.

Steve Goldfine, Karl Provost and Jeff Zlonis' Gray's Fable came off a 6 ½-month layoff to win his 2021 debut in the Appleton (GIII) on March 27 at Gulfstream Park.

Trained by Roger Attfield, Gray's Fable will exit post one under John Velazquez.

The field for the Opening Verse, with riders and weights from the inside, is: Gray's Fable (Velazquez, 123 pounds), Sayyaaf (Javier Castellano, 118), Sugoi (Joe Rocco Jr., 118), Logical Myth (Luis Saez, 120), Set Piece (GB) (Florent Geroux, 118), Epic Dreamer (Tyler Gaffalione, 118), Snapper Sinclair (Ricardo Santana Jr., 118), Captivating Moon (Leparoux, 123) and Spectacular Gem (James Graham, 118).